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QUOTE

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TAGS: EGEN, ECOSOC, UNGA

SUBJ: UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION - INTERNATIONAL FOOD NEEDS

REF: USUN 3141

ROME FOR FODAG

1. USUN TRANSMITTED TO MEXICAN AMB GARCIA ROBLES,  
CHAIRMAN G-27, STATEMENT BELOW ELABORATING US VIEWS OF CONTENT  
AGENDA ITEM ON FOOD FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. (FOR TEST  
SEE LAST PARA.)

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2. SUBJECT STATEMENT WILL BE PART OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS  
ECOSOC AS REFERRED REFTEL. WE EXPECT TO BE FURTHER QUERIED  
ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS PREREQUISITE POSSIBLE US COMMITMENT  
IN FOOD FIELD. ALSO EXPECT QUERY ON POSSIBLE EXTENSION

THIS ITEM TO COVER FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING FOR EXAMPLE EXPANSION OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND TRADE, ASSISTANCE FOR OTHER ELEMENTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SUCH AS FISHING AND OTHER PRODUCTS. REQUEST SUCH ELABORATED STATEMENT BE FORWARDED GENEVA FOR CONTINUING DISCUSSION AS OF MID-JULY.

3. TEXT OF STATEMENT TRANSMITTED TO CHAIRMAN G-27:

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INTERNATIONAL FOOD NEEDS

FORMATION OF A SOUND GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY REQUIRES EFFECTIVE ACTION IN A NUMBER OF CRITICAL AREAS. FIRST, WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION MUST BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON RAISING AVERAGE YIELDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNTIL THIS INCREASE IS ATTAINED, FOOD NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST BE MET, AT LEAST IN PART, BY DEPENDABLE FOOD AID PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, WE SUPPORT AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY HELD GRAIN RESERVES AS THE BEST MEANS TO ACHIEVE WORLD FOOD SECURITY THROUGH ENHANCING THE ASSURANCE OF AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES.

THE LONG-RANGE NEEDS FOR FOOD REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION ON PRELIMINARY AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO ASSURE:

(A) A RAPID INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION TO BE ENCOURAGED AND ASSISTED THROUGH SUPPORT OF:

(I) WORLD FOOD COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS AND POLICY ISSUES AFFECTING THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND STEPS PROPOSED OR TAKEN TO RESOLVE THEM BY GOVERNMENTS AND THE UN SYSTEM AND TO RECOMMEND REMEDIAL ACTION AS APPROPRIATE;  
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(II) THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY IBRD, FAO AND UNDP TO INCREASE, COORDINATE AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION;

(III) EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(B) A WORLD FOOD GRAIN RESERVE LARGE ENOUGH TO COVER MAJOR POTENTIAL PRODUCTION SHORTFALLS WITH STOCK HOLDING RESPONSIBILITY SHARED BY EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS;

(C) AN ANNUAL FOOD AID TARGET OF A MINIMUM OF 10 MILLION  
TONS OF GRAIN TO BE MET BY TRADITIONAL DONORS, STATE  
TRADING NATIONS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO  
DO SO.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF WORLD FOOD  
CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRESS ON THEIR IMPLEMENTATION,  
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL,  
AND REQUEST THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO PERIODICALLY INFORM  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ITS PROCEEDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.  
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